### FISCAL NOTE

### HB 3201 - SB 3378

February 29, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes child support referees receive an annual cost of living adjustment equal to that provided to all state employees.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,800

Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Revenue - \$17,200

Other Fiscal Impact – The percentage increase for child support referees in subsequent fiscal years will be contingent on the percentage increase appropriated for state employees.

(Funding of \$26,000 is included in the Governor's FY08-09 Recommended Budget)

## Assumptions:

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) contracts with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to compensate child support referees.
- There are 12 child support referees who each receive \$108,603 in salary and benefits.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the percentage increase is two percent resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$26,065 (\$108,603 x .02 x 12).
- The Child Support Enforcement program is funded through both state (34%) and federal (66%) funds resulting in an increase in state expenditures of \$8,800 and federal expenditures of \$17,200.
- Although this is not an administration bill, according to the Department of Finance and Administration funding for this increase has been included in the Governor's FY08-09 Recommended Budget.

# **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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